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GHI Membership Refuses to Support Board on Increase

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

The December 5 special membership meeting was not far along before it became obvious that the majority of the 400 voting Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members attending had made their mind up beforehand and were not prepared to approve a 19.05 percent increase in operating charges, as proposed by the GHI board of directors. Hardly able to conceal their impatience and anger at having to wait so long to vote, the raucous audience brushed aside reports of a fuel crisis with charges of past and present board and management incompetence and voted to restrict the 1974 increase in operating charges to 9.9 percent. (According to the GHI by-laws, any increase of 10% or more in operating charges must be approved by the membership.)

Nothing a unanimous GHI board said or promised could change the minds of the membership. Falling on deaf ears was the recitation of facts on the fuel oil crisis: A more than doubling of fuel oil prices from May 1973 to November 1973. An estimate that 1974 fuel oil costs to GHI would be \$647,200, compared with \$322,000 for the current (1973) year. A noting that this increase of \$325,200 alone represented a rise of 16.5 percent over 1973 operating charges of \$1,972,100. (The 19.05 percent increase requested by the board included such additional items as a 5% cost-of-living increase for employees and expansion of the maintenance staff.)

Compromise Sought

Even a compromise motion proposed by director Hugh O'Donnell for a 15 percent increase in operating charges was turned down in a key 208 to 141 vote. O'Donnell along with director Joe Comproni pleaded with the membership that a 9.9 percent increase would cut too thin and not leave sufficient cash flow to even finance the initial stages of a board-proposed cost-savings program to increase the heating efficiency of the old plants and decrease fuel consumption.

This program, which was unveiled to the members that night, included (1) new burners and controls and associated equipment for the 4 large steam plants in the North End; (2) systematic replacement of defective controls and components in all heating systems and the implementation of a preventive maintenance program to assure continued proper operation; (3) a model project for conversion of steam heat to hot water heat in the frames; (4) variable temperature controls in brick homes; and (5) insulation of crawl space in frames.

Described by the board's officers as additional portions of an "affirmative action program" were the efforts GHI was making in securing government assistance in meeting the costs of installing fuel-savings equipment and in encouraging membership conservation of energy. The board also noted its intention, if the 19% increase were approved, to hold another membership meeting in April to consider whether any savings realized from this affirmative action program could be returned to the members in reduced monthly charges.

A unanimous audit committee, chaired by James Foster, also pleaded with the membership, but to no avail. The committee felt that an increase in monthly charges less than that proposed by the board would present a danger to the financial integrity of GHI, especially if reserves were used to meet daily operations. It also expressed the fear that the amounts budgeted for oil represent a "potential understatement of heating costs."

Along these lines, Mat Amberg cited a report that the Cost of Living Council just that day had approved another increase of 2 cents a gallon in fuel oil prices. Saying that he had had previous differences with the board, Amberg

asked the membership not to allow "political differences to blind ourselves to the need for heat next November."

Critics Reply

But critics could not refrain from citing alleged past "failings" of the board. Cathy Foster referred to the membership authorization for a capital improvements program several years ago. She charged the board with mismanagement by not using that program to renovate the heating plants. Mrs. Foster and Gordon Allen wanted to see firm figures on the costs of the heating renovation program before approving an increase of more than 9.9 percent in operating charges. Allen also attempted, but was ruled out of order, to have membership authorization for the capital improvement program withdrawn.

Eunice Coxon and Benjamin Elkins exhorted the membership, in effect, not to be panicked by the fuel crisis into giving the board a blank check. Mrs. Coxon charged that the board was overpaying for oil, saying that other companies were providing oil at a cheaper price than that charged by GHI's supplier.

Board member Tom White explained that when bids were asked for last May, no supplier would bid. The present supplier then agreed to furnish oil on a month to month basis but to do so it had to use some foreign oil, the price of which is higher than domestic oil. In effect, White said, GHI is locked in with the present supplier as no one else will supply oil.

Several frame homeowners criticized the corporation for wasting fuel by overheating their homes and implied that a cutback in fuel consumption would cause no inconvenience. O'Donnell explained that the overheating occurred because the pipes heating the homes at the end of the rows ran underneath the other units and were not insulated.

In response to charges that the board and management should have taken steps years ago to cope with the heating problems of the corporation, Janet James noted that "people who are now saying this are the very people who fought the hardest against board plans to increase monthly charges years ago to finance such improvements." And Charles Schwan said that all these charges and countercharges about what happen in the past are irrelevant. "We are now faced with a situation where we could be cold in March or November," he said.

Regardless of the public discussion, the rank-and-file GHI member appeared to view the issue as simply a matter of not being able to afford the increase recommended by the board. The million-dollar question is: What will be his reaction if the corporation runs out of money to purchase fuel oil next fall? Some of the anti-increase speeches indicated a willingness to consider further increases later in the year after the GHI board has firmed up its energy-savings heating program and priced out its cost. Other speakers indicated a preference for GHI to tighten its belt,

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council,

MONDAY

DECEMBER 17, 1973

8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Public Hearing of November 26, 1973
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
Committee Reports -
APB Report on State Road Plans

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Appointment to Citizen Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- 10 Letter to PG County Board of Education

IV NEW BUSINESS

Festival of Lights

This weekend's activities center around music and song. We invite all interested people to join us this Sat., Dec. 15, at the big evergreen tree (between the Bank and Municipal Building) at 6 p.m. for Christmas caroling. We will tour the city and return to the Youth Center for doughnuts and coffee.

Sun., Dec. 16, there will be a combined choir concert at the Community Church, 7:30 p.m. The choirs of the Community, St. Hugh's, Mowatt Methodist and Baptist churches will join to give this concert of holiday music.

Don't forget Santa! He will be arriving at the Youth Center on Fri., Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. and will be on hand to hear the children's wishes until 5 p.m. Movies will also be shown and treats in store for everyone.

The Festival will climax with "A Christmas Star," a children's play featuring many of the Greenbelt youngsters. The play will be given at the Ridge Road Center Fri., Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 22 at 3 pm No admission will be charged

Greenbelt Band Has Christmas Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band will give a Christmas concert Sun., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road. John Delhomme is the conductor; Mrs. Francis W. White will be the guest soloist. Music of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikowsky, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov and Leroy Anderson will be performed. The public is cordially invited to attend.

even to the extent of having heatless days.

SKATING ON THIN ICE

GHI Reserves Cut To Meet 1974 Budget Requirements

by Al Skolnik

A final budget for 1974 was adopted by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors on Thursday, December 6, after being told by the membership the night before that they had to keep within a 10 percent increase in operating charges (exclusive of amortization payments). The original budget proposed an increase of 19.05 percent, amounting to \$375,600. The task facing the directors was to cut \$179,000 from the operating charges to members for 1974.

They did it, essentially by digging into the reserves to the tune of approximately \$100,000. The new budget calls for total monthly charges, after including amortization payments, of \$2,583,500, representing an increase of 8.62 percent for brick homeowners and 8.29 percent for frame homeowners. These are averages; the increases will vary from home to home. The new charges will go into effect January 1, 1974.

The frame home maintenance reserves were asked to absorb the cost of the frame home trim paint program, amounting to \$37,200 and the frame home re-roofing program of \$12,000. The brick home reserves were asked to absorb part of the cost of the re-roofing program, amounting to \$23,500. The rest of the cost of this program, amounting to \$16,500, will continue to be charged to the brick home members. These actions would leave about \$29,000 in the frame home maintenance reserves and about \$20,000 in the brick home maintenance reserves.

In addition, the board agreed not to continue building up the contingency reserves for 1974. The original budget had called for a build-up of this reserve by \$30,522. The contingency reserves presently amount to \$90,979 for the brick and \$74,552 for the frame, but it is expected that part of the deficit in heating costs already incurred in 1973 as the result of rising fuel oil prices will have to be charged against these amounts. The heating reserves, which normally would absorb any annual deficits, have already been depleted in the case of the brick homes and only \$28,500 remains in the case of the frames.

Several board members expressed concern about the perilously low state of the reserves, but director Ted Byerly seemed to sum up the consensus when he said, "The message I got from the special membership meeting was to use the reserves to meet our operating costs."

The board was also not too happy about another decision it made that may affect reserves. It reduced the estimate of GHI real estate taxes that will be paid in 1974 by some \$27,500 in what was frankly admitted to be a risky decision. The original budget assumed no change in city and county tax rates. The board now is hoping for a cut in the county tax rate because 1974 is an election year and also for a favorable decision on its appeal of the county reassessment. But it acknowledged that if it is wrong, the contingency reserves will have to absorb the deficit, since the tax reserves are also depleted.

The remaining items cut to reach the "magic" \$179,000 figure included deletion of two new positions for the structural maintenance and grounds maintenance departments (savings of \$19,000), and deletion of the entire trim paint program

for the brick homes (savings of \$23,600). Finally, the board agreed to no longer subsidize the cost of paint made available to members under the self-help paint program. This will reduce the budget by some \$5,600.

Left unchanged was the heating budget. There was some discussion of a possible reduction in oil consumption during 1974 as the result of a cut in the government's allocation of oil to GHI and of savings produced by the corporation's energy-savings program. The majority of the board, however, felt that it would be too risky to cut this item in face of the likelihood that rising fuel oil prices will offset any reduction in consumption.

In summary, then, the 1974 operating charges to members will increase by \$196,705 from 1973, broken down as follows:

	Increases
Fuel oil	\$325,148
5% cost-of-living increase for all employees	28,445
Net increase in new positions	11,351
Resurfacing parking courts	7,000
Decreases	
Real estate taxes	70,881
Trim paint program	59,850
Contingency reserves	30,522
Roof work	3,500
Miscellaneous	10,486
Net increase	\$196,705

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
8:15 p.m. PRAB Meeting, Youth Center
Fri., Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room
Sun., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, St. Hugh's Catholic Church
Mon., Dec. 17, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wed., Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. John Carroll PTA
7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Homemakers, 105 Lakeside
Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. North End PTA

John Carroll PTA

The John Carroll PTA will meet Wed., Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas program will follow a brief business meeting. The program will be repeated the next morning at 10 a.m. for the school.

New Circulation Manager

Mrs. Virginia Niland, 13-V Ridge, has joined the News Review staff as the new circulation manager for the core of Greenbelt.

Any questions concerning circulation should be directed to Mrs. Niland, a former staff member, at 345-7925.

News Review Carriers Bring Season's Greetings

Around this time of the year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our delivery crew very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

We wish to remind our readers that our newsboys and girls are of a very tender age and in almost all cases this is their first job experience. It is a learning process for these youngsters and in some cases the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to provide encouragement to these youngsters for their efforts and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

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City Needs Citizen Input

Greenbelt is fortunate in having a highly active and aware citizenry, one that is deeply involved in the welfare of the community. One area where Greenbelt's tradition of cooperative and volunteer service is most clearly seen is in the citizens who serve on the city's advisory boards.

Since the establishment of the Advisory Planning Board in 1961, the number of boards has grown. The city now has established the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Employee Relations Advisory Board, and the recently created Youth Advisory Board. All of these are permanent boards that continue to advise the city on the issues and problems in their respective areas.

In addition to the boards, the city from time to time establishes temporary ad hoc committees, such as the newly created advisory committee on cable television, to deal with a particular issue. Both the permanent boards and the ad hoc committees provide valuable input into the city government and are an important communication link between the city and the citizens of Greenbelt.

The city council may also make nominations to the citizens advisory committees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. There are five separate committees dealing with Health and Environmental Protection, Human Resources, Land Use, Public Safety, and Transportation Planning.

Right now there is a vacancy on the Advisory Planning Board. And the city council will soon be making the first appointments to the Youth Advisory Board and the cable television committee. The council would also like to make nominations to the various COG advisory committees. Greenbelters interested in serving on any of these committees should submit a resume to the city office.

Even if you are interested in a committee which does not presently have a vacancy, a resume submitted to the city will be kept on file and considered when an opening comes up.

Greenbelt is proud of its record of citizen participation in the community. Membership on the city's advisory boards and committees is one way of making your contribution to the community.

Virginia Drass

Virginia Drass, a Greenbelt pioneer, passed away Dec. 1, after a long illness. She was active in Greenbelt, having served as a member of the PTA Executive Board and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband, Frank, a former member of the City Council, who resides at 1201 S. 17 St., Farmington, New Mexico 87401, two married daughters and several grandchildren.

Lewis-Young

Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Lewis of Greenbelt, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ellen to Michael W. Young, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Young of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Miss Lewis is attending Prince Georges Community College and Mr. Young is a senior at the University of Maryland. The couple plans a May wedding.

Handbell Choir at Plaza

The Parkdale Senior High School English Handbell Choir will present a demonstration and program of seasonal music at Beltway Plaza Mall on Wed., Dec. 19, from 7-7:30 p.m. and again from 7:45-8:15 p.m.

The handbell choir was formed last year and is the only such group in the public schools of Prince Georges County. The performances are free - everyone is invited.

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Emerging Thoughts On Future of GHI

by Sandra Barnes

On the day the Constitution was signed, a crowd had gathered in front of Constitution Hall in Philadelphia to await the outcome. One of the first persons to emerge from the building was 81-year-old Benjamin Franklin.

"What kind of government have you given us?" someone shouted.

"A republic," he replied, "if you can keep it."

This is a fitting analogy, it seems to me, to the state of our housing cooperative.

In the 1930's, the federal government, during the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, undertook the building of three new towns, Greenhills, Ohio, Greendale, Wisconsin, and Greenbelt. Because of financial difficulties, but also because of distrust and bickering among the townspeople, Greenhills and Greendale never became an enduring community of people devoted to the cooperative enterprise. Only Greenbelt citizens joined together to form a housing cooperative which has lasted nearly 20 years.

"The cooperative spirit flourished in the other two towns but failed to maintain its initial momentum to the degree in Greenbelt," says Joseph L. Arnold, in his book *The New Deal in the Suburbs*. Eventually, however, all of the cooperative businesses in Greenbelt, the barber shop, valet shop, beauty shop, and general merchandise store disintegrated. Only the supermarket and the gas station have remained cooperatively-owned.

"Participatory democracy and economic cooperation thrived in the early years, one suspects," writes Arnold, "because it was new and exhilarating for those who had never experienced such things before; but what was a joy to plan and build became a dull burden to administer. The structure was also weakened by families moving in and out of town faster than they could be assimilated into the unique and demanding community institution."

As I sat through the meeting of the GHI membership on Wednesday, December 5, 1973, I couldn't help feeling that here was a participatory democracy working — but was it working for the benefit or the destruction of this special community? Did people really care about the perpetuation of a pleasant and healthful environment for others as well as themselves? Or was it the present, the immediate four months, one year, that concerns them most? And for how long will it be possible to postpone month by month the rising fuel costs and basic maintenance needs?

By our very unwillingness to pay the basic maintenance and heating costs, we not only fail to recognize facts as they exist, but we carve the epitaph of this cooperative.

GIFT-BAKE SALE

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will have a Gift Shop and Bake Sale on Sun., Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, located at Ridge and Westway. Many holiday items for the family and the home will be featured. Gift wrap service is also available.

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9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

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So, What's New?

(Excerpts from Greenbelt News Review issue of 27 yrs. ago)

Gobbel Explains Heat Headaches

In an official statement issued this week the Town Administration (responsible for administering what is now GHI) states that the heating department has been working under tremendous pressure during the past two months in trying to supply heat and hot water for the 7500 residents of Greenbelt. There have been unavoidable delays in receiving fuel, due to transportation difficulties, and the already undermanned heating force has been further depleted by illness and injuries. During and immediately after the holidays a number of the 187 oil burners which supply heat for the original homes and apartments were out of operation for lack of oil. As the oil tanks became empty, the pumps sucked up sediment from the bottom of the oil storage tanks and this caused mechanical difficulties with the oil burners themselves...

LACK OF LABOR

The problem of supplying heat for the 1000 war houses has been due primarily to lack of labor, Manager Gobbel explains, although there has been some shortage of fuel. These 1000 homes are heated by 25 widely-scattered coal-burning boiler rooms, of which four so-called "large boiler rooms" are located in the north end of town and supply heat and hot water for 704 homes, while twenty-one "small boiler rooms" are located along the east side of Ridge Road between Northway and Westway and supply heat and hot water for 296 homes. A minimum of eight firemen and one foreman are needed on each shift, three shifts per day, to operate these boiler rooms. In spite of continuous and repeated

ORIFICES

Many complaints have been received about the heat control instruments and orifices that have recently been installed in the war houses, and many residents apparently feel that they are the cause of the heating difficulties. These changes, Gobbel states, were initiated and designed by the Washington office of the Federal Public Housing Authority in order to give a more even distribution of heat to all homes and assure a more efficient operation of the heating systems...

LEAVE 'EM ALONE

It has been reported by the contractor who is responsible for this work that he has come across numerous instances where residents have removed the newly installed orifices from the radiators in their homes in the belief that this would increase the amount of steam in the radiators. The removal of any of the orifices results in the unbalancing of the entire system, and further complicates the problem of supplying adequate heat for all homes served by the same boiler room...

HEAT ALONG RIDGE

A further survey on the heating situation by the Cooperator shows that many courts along Ridge Road, and particularly in the vicinity of the 16 block, have been without heat at intervals for the past two months. When the residents do get heat, it is reported to be terrific in quantity, but it ceases completely and suddenly, and families have risen on many a morning to find the homes stone cold. Several children, as a result have had continual colds.

—February 8, 1946

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Letters to the Editor

Setting the Record Straight

At the GHI Special Membership Meeting December 5, a number of inaccurate statements were made concerning the 1969-1971 capital improvements program. Among other things, it was charged that the Board;

1. Failed to spell out in advance the scope of the program

Fact: A 14-page memorandum including attachments, was mailed to members Dec. 12, 1968. Seven of its pages outlined the proposed capital improvements program. Four alternatives were presented the most comprehensive of which outlined a program to cost \$282,500 in 1969, and \$278,000 in 1970. It was this program the members voted to adopt, authorizing the Board to borrow money to be repaid over 10 years.

2. Did not do enough work on the heating system, but instead concentrated spending on such non-essential items as exterior doors, trash closet doors, porch decks, etc.

Fact: The program approved by membership called for concentration on the heating system of the frame homes and replacement of roofs of the brick and masonry homes. Of the total of \$319,000 expended for the frame homes, \$230,000 was used for the heating system. Of the almost \$80,000 expended on the brick and masonry homes, \$47,500 was used for roof replacement. Such items as exterior doors, trash closet doors, porch decks, roofs, windows and sills, were listed in the program adopted by the membership.

3. Failed to account to the members for what was expended.

Fact: On numerous occasions reports were made to the membership. Consistently they were made as parts of annual operating statements, distributed at annual meetings, and quarterly statements, available to any member at the GHI office. (See, for example, Schedule F of Operating Statement for September 30, 1973.) In addition, over the life of the program, the subject was treated in the President's and/or Treasurer's Reports at annual meetings and in budget documents.

4. Borrowed \$500,000 for the capital improvements program.

Fact: The total borrowed was \$800,692.86.

Both the Board and its critics should be accurate in describing the Board's record. Anything less amounts to cheating the membership of its opportunity to judge the Board's performance. Particularly is this true in this case where the facts are so easy to obtain.

James W. Smith
President, GHI

Unprovoked Attack

I was very distressed by the unprovoked public verbal attack on Messrs. Charles Schwan and Nat Shinderman which took place at the GHI Special Membership Meeting last Wednesday night. I have worked with both of these dedicated and knowledgeable gentlemen and feel that we owe them thanks for their past and present services to GHI and our community, rather than unwarranted denunciations. The person making those remarks, in my estimation, owes both Charlie and Nat a public apology.

Stephen Polaschik

"Sick and Tired"

As a frame home owner I think that I speak for all of the frame home owners when I say that we are sick and tired of paying \$14.154 a month for the privilege of having to open our doors and windows so we won't suffocate during the heating season!

That \$14.154 is what we are paying our heating personnel each month to see that our homes are PROPERLY heated!

Ben A. Hogensen

Canine Obedience Course

A dog obedience training course, which teaches basic obedience including heeling, sitting, sit and down stays, and recall, is open to all Prince Georges County youngsters aged 9-15. A registration fee is required. Call the 4-H Club Office, 627-5236.

Mindless Economizing

Like the rest of the quiet minority at the GHI membership meeting I came away saddened at the foolish shortsightedness of the majority, who willingly overlook facts of current American economic life and place our whole housing corporation in jeopardy.

What did that gang of shouting people really do, in addition to being rude and engaging in their personal attacks on former board members? They insisted that we did not need to increase operating charges to include the increase in oil price that has already occurred, let alone that which will occur in the future. They left the board NO alternative but to use our reserves—and next year there will literally be none to take the edge off what will have to be another large increase in operating costs.

(I don't need to be a palmist to know what the future holds: next spring at election time these same people will be bellowing that the Board has used up reserves and made the corporation financially unsound.)

What else did they accomplish with their mindless pseudo-economizing? We have to use our reserves for meeting current bills, so if there is to be any major oil saving project, such as purchasing variable temperature controls to save oil in the brick houses, we will have to borrow to do it. If we have another incident such as the one a few years ago when a water-line leading into one of the major heating plants broke on a cold January night, we'll have to borrow to pay for the repairs.

GHI does not consist of board versus membership. It consists of members and their employees. The board members proposed no increase that they as GHI members were not assessing themselves, and I for one refuse to fault any one of them for wanting to keep GHI financially sound to protect my home for me. If I get cold this winter I do not intend to blame any board member, but I will blame those who voted down a realistic, sensible, economical budget.

Katherine Keene

No More Blank Checks

The slick, cynical numbers game played with the GHI budget and members' money by GHI management and board majority (exempting Messrs. O'Donnell, Comproni, and Nelson) did not last long at the Special Meeting on December 5. History repeated itself, and the members very wisely and with justified resentment voted down the 19% proposed increase in operating charges.

In fact, there are many members, such as that GHI expert on corporation finances, Martha Hutzler, who are of the opinion that not even a 10% increase could be justified, and now are even more sure when the management and board are able to pull \$50,000 out of maintenance reserves, cut out two positions from an already padded budget and find enough money to reward top management with a 5% cost of living increase.

At my request, the office of Congressman Larry Hogan has forwarded a letter of inquiry to the Internal Revenue Service questioning the price of No. 2 oil being charged us by our supplier, and noting the price seemed considerably higher than that quoted his office from a local supplier on the date he wrote the letter.

The next order of business is a complete accounting of the \$374,000 already spent for this capital improvements loan, which included work on the heating plants. Your CMP Blue Book is the authority for the report that most of this was spent for short term projects. A sadder and wiser membership can no longer give this present group in power a blank check for any sizeable sum at all. All proposals must be costed and accompanied by unit prices, contracts and all details in black and white before not afterwards!

Happy Holidays, and if you care about the future and 1977 here, see you at board Meetings on Thursday nights in the new year.

Eunice E. Coxon

Uncalled For Remarks

I would like to comment on a statement made by Eunice Coxon at the membership meeting of GHI on December 5. Mrs. Coxon, after indicating that she had been in touch with Congressman Hogan about GHI, said she should not have had to do this because either the Audit Committee or the board should have done it. Under the By-laws, the Audit Committee's job is to "audit" the actions of the Board. Since the Audit Committee knew that both the Board and management were in touch with our Congressional delegation—not only Congressman Hogan but also Senator Beall and Mathias—there was no need for the Audit Committee to act.

Mrs. Coxon asked Congressman Hogan to investigate the pricing practices of our fuel supplier, an action which could lead to harassment of the firm. Our supplier for the last few years is our only possible source of fuel oil for the 1973-74 heating season. As usual, last spring, management asked for bids for fuel oil from all of the larger area suppliers. Not one bid was received. However, our supplier, who was low-bidder for the past several years, undertook to supply us on a month-by-month basis. We are locked in with him; he is locked in with his distributor, because nobody is taking on any new accounts the size of ours. Management has called them all. Our supplier was promised only 68% of the fuel he received last year, so in order not to have to refuse his oil customers, he bought a tanker of Venezuela oil—but he had to pay more for it. It is legal to do this and to pass the cost through to his customers—in fact, it is the only way he could supply his customers with oil. Instead of those actions leading to his harassment, perhaps the supplier should be commended for acting to assure a supply at whatever the cost.

What did Board and management accomplish in their discussions with Congressional staff people? Their conference resulted in having Conversion Cooperative Housing Corporations (GHI is one) included in a bill to assist home owners in upgrading their heating systems so as to use less fuel. This is a positive accomplishment.

Mrs. Coxon's remarks were entirely uncalled for.

Janet M. James

Raising Money For Hart

As many Greenbelters know, in 1970 Royal Hart ran for Congress in a people's campaign which shunned special interest money. Believing that he had a firm commitment from the state Democratic Party to pay for certain radio and T.V. production costs, in good faith he incurred a debt of \$10,530. Now the producer has won a court judgment against Royal Hart personally (not his campaign committee) for this unpaid bill. Because Roy does not have the resources to meet the judgment, the producer has attached his bank account and is moving to seize his studio.

To help raise money, we will hold a bake sale in the Center from 10 - 3 on Saturday, December 15 and Saturday, December 22. We hope to see many Greenbelters there supporting our sale. Those who wish to donate baked goods or help at the table may call one of us and bring their contributions to our table in front of Tanners between 10 and 12 a.m. That's 10 - 3 on Saturday, December 15 and 22.

Eileen Peterson 345-2454
Charlie Brown 474-0419
Betty Allen 474-4963

THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors who came to our aid and offered their services during the fire at 422 Ridge Rd. Thanks to the Greenbelt Fire Dept. who was there within 3 minutes of my call to 911—quite a record! And finally thanks to the Lakeside North maintenance men who came by also.

Mr. Ball

Seeks End of False Charges

A letter circulated recently among GHI residents read in part, "... Your reserves—several hundred thousand—were used not for the benefit of the membership but for a selected few by Mr. Schwan, Board Chairman for 6 years, and Mr. Shinderman, et al..." The statement, in effect, alleged breach of trust, a criminal offense, on the part of those named.

At the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. special membership meeting December 5, a member spoke of my "wrongdoing." In addition, it has been reported to me by persons whose reliability I trust, that oral remarks involving me and others similar to those cited have been made to them. These would appear to constitute slander.

This is not the first time I have been the object of libelous and slanderous statements, but previously I have preferred to ignore them because I believed that they would have little effect on members' considering matters of significance to GHI.

I am no longer certain that this approach is in the best interests of GHI and of me. The revival of these old charges whenever GHI is faced with crucial decisions to make is a disservice to the corporation. As evidenced by last week's meeting, the poisonous atmosphere created by such charges only serves to divert attention from the consideration of important issues on their own merits.

These allegations have been repeatedly shown to be without basis. Those persons making them know, or by the exercise of reasonable diligence should know, that they are false. By persisting in repeating them, they are opening themselves to legal action.

Charles F. Schwan

Solutions Offered

Everybody appears to be slowly going crazy about the energy shortage. The following are several suggestions that might speed up the process:

Biological—Put an aphrodisiac in the drinking water. People will drive less, burn less electricity, spend more time indoors, promote togetherness and even generate excess heat.

Agricultural—A cow generates enough methane gas daily to run a car fifty miles or so; it would be a simple idea to carry a cow on a small trailer behind the car, hook it up to the carburetor and run the car on gas and grass. Milk would be available as a valuable by-product and it might even be possible to twist the cow's tail instead of blowing the horn.

Political—Energy and economic experts are currently afflicted with permanent irregularity. The hot air they generate in large volume could be put to use in cold weather.

Meteorological—Adopt the Australian system. Change the calendar instead of the clock. Advance it six months. It is hot there in the winter months and cool in the summer months the way it should be not the stupid way we have it in reverse. It is easier to say it is a cool day in July and a warm day in December.

A further thought. Our current troubles have their origin in an event of some four thousand years ago. If Moses had turned right when he descended from the mountain instead of left, the Arabs would have gotten the desert and the Israelis gotten the oil wells.

Chas. S. Glickman

Solar Heating for GHI?

G.H.I. is in a remarkable position to make a significant contribution to fuel conservation technology while saving thousands of dollars on fuel at the same time.

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Troop 746 Court of Honor

The fall Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop 746 was held on Nov. 2. Matt Durantine and Gary Cousin, received their first class awards, and Bill Abell became a second class scout. Other advancement awards went to Gary Cousin for attaining his Star rank and to Mark Felsher who became a Life Scout.

Merit badges were earned by Mark Burchick for Auto Safety and Citizenship in the Nation, Peter Bracken for Physical Fitness, and Gary Cousin for Camping. Hoyt Matthal received his Speedboating merit badge.

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WRA Appears Ready To Issue Discharge Permit For Sewage

by Elaine Skolnik

According to the Water Resources Administration (WRA) of the State of Maryland, the agency intends to issue a State permit for effluent to be discharged from the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant into an unnamed tributary of Beaverdam Creek. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the official applicant which will be operating the plant, and the director of WRA must sign the necessary papers before the permit is officially issued. (The cost of building and operating the plant will be borne by Greenbriar Associates, builders of the 1,193-unit Greenbriar apartments.)

On November 21, WRA conducted a hearing in Greenbelt to receive testimony on the agency's proposed standards for the plant. WRA indicates that as a result some changes have been made. Notification of this action will be sent to those participating in the hearing.

Still to be heard from before construction on the treatment plant can continue are the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (SDHMH), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In October, SDHMH advised Greenbriar Associates that at the time WRA approves and issues the required discharge permit, SDHMH will act promptly upon its application for a construction permit for the on-site treatment plant. At the time, SDHMH said that if all the requirements spelled out in previous documents are met, "there should be no legal impediments to the issuance of a permit."

NASA also gets into the act because the developer needs a 150' right-of-way for the piping of effluent from the plant to a free-flowing stream on its property.

NASA is committed to writing an environmental impact statement before acting on the easement, and is presently preparing the document. A NASA spokesman said that since the matter is not of direct interest to the agency, it will be looking toward the decisions made by federal and state agencies which are intricately involved with the Greenbriar project. EPA is reviewing the matter, and has not as yet come up with any reports.

LARGO SPORTS ARENA

County Council on Oct. 30 adopted a resolution and enacted a bill to allow Prince Georges County to issue \$23 million worth of industrial revenue bonds for completion of the Largo sports arena without incurring any indebtedness.

The bonds will be repaid with interest by the Washington National Arena Limited Partnership, the arena owners. The bonds won't be charged against the county's general credit, its taxing power or its indebtedness. They will be issued through the state Industrial Revenue Bond Act that allows the issuance of such financial bonds by all Maryland counties and municipalities in the hopes of establishing a balanced economy in the state and opening the job market.

The structure has been built on 60 acres at Central Avenue and the Beltway leased from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on a 20-year basis with an option to renew for another 20 years. After 40 years, the structure will revert to county ownership and then could be leased to private businessmen.

Men's Volleyball League

A men's volleyball league which will meet on Monday evening is being formed. Interested adult men's groups such as Lions, Jaycees, church groups, city fire and police department, maintenance and any other groups should call David Grego, days 447-5166, or nights 474-9169 for further information.

Lecture on Maccabean Coins

Greenbelter Brian Kritt will lecture on "Maccabean Kings and Their Coins," Dec. 16, 8 p.m., at Mishkan Torah at the Sunday Evening Lecture Series.

The earliest known coins of an independent Jewish state were produced by the Maccabees, who were the leaders and descendants of the Hanukkah revolt. The lecture will include a slide presentation of actual coins and pottery.

CORRECTION

Lesley Kreimer, newly elected member of the Prince Georges County School Board from District II, announced that effective December 2, 1973, she will be on a leave of absence from her position as guidance counselor.

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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

On November 19, 1973 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-6

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OR ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957) EDITION AS AMENDED) TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUB-TITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION 2 OF SECTION 3, TITLE, "GENERAL POWERS" TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO GRANT FRANCHISES FOR COMMUNITY ANTENNA CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

The above amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 8th day of January, 1974, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 29th day of December, 1973, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter Amendment be submitted to referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

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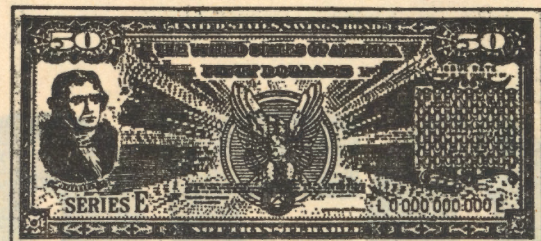
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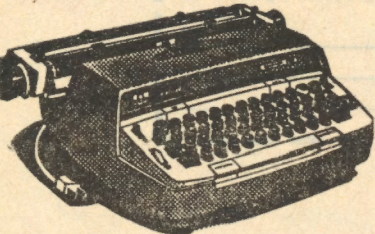
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Recreation Review**Women's Basketball League**

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'Over the Hill' League

A basketball league for men 30 and over is being organized by the Recreation Dept. Games will be played at the Youth Center on Mon. nights 7 - 9 p.m. No franchise fee charged. If interested, sign up with a Youth Center Assistant or call 474-6878, Mon. thru Fri. 9 - 5 p.m.

Kava Dance

There will be a Kava Dance on Sat., Dec. 15, 8-11 p.m. in the Youth Center Gym. Playing for the dance will be the "Murry Spoons Band". An admission fee will be charged at the door. All Greenbelt teens are invited to attend.

Chucks and Lassies

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Center Chucks and Lassies will end on Sat., Dec. 15. They will start their winter session on Sat., Jan. 19.

Boys Club Uniform Turn In

All Boys' and Girls' Club Soccer and Football uniforms are to be turned in to the Youth Center. Uniforms will be accepted Mon. and Thurs. 7 - 10 p.m. and Sat. from noon - 2 p.m. Please do so immediately.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Homemakers will hold their annual Christmas party on Wed., Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Adrienne Karlander, 107 Lakeside. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and an inexpensive gift to exchange. Members wishing to bring guests should notify the president, Sou Soule.

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Rental Or Condominium

The Prince Georges county council recently passed a law allowing townhouses to be constructed on property that is zoned R-30 (14 units per acre). The zone has heretofore been limited to garden apartments. Such townhouses must meet all the requirements of the R-T zone, including a limitation of not more than 10 units per acre. Townhouse construction would be limited to lots of at least 3,000 square feet per townhouse dwelling.

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10 significant ways to save energy this winter.

We're all going to face some tough realities in the cold months to come.

PEPCO recognizes that in view of the shortage of home heating fuels, some people may use more electricity to supplement their heating needs. The result could be an increased demand on PEPCO'S system.

During the weeks ahead, it's more important than ever that all of us be conscious of the need to conserve energy. To help out in these times, we're asking our customers to be thrifty with their use of electricity.

Here's how you can help:

1. Insulation. Weatherstripping. Caulking. They're the three greatest heat savers. So check every window, every door and every other conceivable opening in your house for air leakage. And don't spare the caulking compound and weatherstripping. Even if it's not practicable to have your whole house insulated by a professional, be sure your attic has at least 6 inches of insulation. Wrap about 2 inches of insulation around heating ducts in unheated areas. And insulate floors above unheated basements and crawl spaces with 3 to 4 inches.

2. Storm windows and doors can pay for themselves. An alternative, though somewhat less effective, is sheets of clear plastic (polyethylene), taped or tacked over windows and screen doors.

3. About your thermostat. Set your thermostat at least three degrees below normal during the day. And another couple of degrees lower

at night. You'll conserve energy and save money. The recommended day-time setting is 65 to 68 degrees.

4. Let the sunshine in, keep the cold out. You can let sunshine help heat your home during the day by opening drapes and raising blinds. But keep them shut against the night cold. Make sure fireplace dampers are properly seated, and keep them closed when not in use.

5. Check your filter. A furnace filter's only job is to gather dust. When it gets clogged, your furnace works harder to produce the same amount of heat. And you waste energy. Only you can tell when the filter needs replacing, so check it at least once a month and replace it when necessary. A new filter comes cheap. A dirty one costs extra.

6. Think lighting. Be particularly sure to turn off house lights . . . inside and out . . . when they're not actually in use. It's easy to have unnecessary lights burning without realizing it.

7. Load up! Always wait for full loads before using your clothes-washer, dishwasher, or dryer. It might be a little inconvenient, but it would save energy and help us get through the winter.

8. Pennies can save dollars. An amazing amount of hot water can leak out of a faucet. Just 90 drops a minute can add up to 430 gallons a

month. A simple thing like a washer can stop water, money and energy from going down the drain.

9. Your oven is one of your biggest energy users. Plan meals so more than one dish can be cooked in the oven at one time. To conserve both energy and vitamins, place vegetables in the oven in a covered casserole . . . along with other dishes. And allow frozen meats to thaw before cooking. This cuts down on cooking time.

10. We all love Christmas trees. But if you usually light up two trees, try one this year. And keep a practical eye on your decorative lighting . . . both indoors and outside. We estimate that if all of our 397,000 residential customers were to use just one less string of lights (twelve 7.5 watt bulbs) during this Christmas season, it would save 3,200 barrels of oil (about 30 tank truck loads) or 800 tons of coal (11 railroad coal cars).

There are dozens of other good ideas where these came from. Each one designed to conserve energy and save money. We've put them all in a quick, easy-to-read guide: "Electricity. How to get the most for the least." It's yours free. Just call USA-2229. Or send this coupon.

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